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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

and VARIANCE - W/S Front Avenue,

283.8' SW of its intersection

w/Seminary Avenue
(1414 Front Avenue)
8th Election District

4th Councilmanic District

\* BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

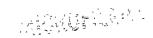
\* Case No. 96-196-XA

Thomas Bautz \*
Petitioner

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## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as Petitions for Special Exception and Variance for that property known as 1414 Front Avenue, located in the vicinity of Railroad Avenue in historic Lutherville. The Petitions were filed by the owner of the property, Thomas Bautz, and the Contract Purchaser/Lessee, Ivy Lane Development Corporation, by Lewis E. Wolf, III, Project Manager, through their attorney, John B. Gontrum, Esquire. The Petitioners seek a special exception for a Class B Assisted Living Facility and variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as follows: From Section 1B01.1.B.3(2)(3) and (5) to permit parking and buildings within 75 feet of a tract boundary within a Residential Transition Area (RTA), and to allow clearing, grading and construction with 50 feet of the RTA; from Section 432.5.B.1.b(2) to permit parking in the front of proposed buildings in lieu of the required side and rear, and from Section 432.5.B.3.b for frontage on other than a principal arterial or location in an historic district; and from Section 1B01.2.C.1.a to permit a front yard setback of 37 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for a non-residential principal building. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.



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Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petitions were Lewis E. Wolf, Project Manager for Ivy Lane Development Corporation, the Contract Purchaser of the subject property, Robert Isennock, Jr. and Rick Chadsey with George W. Stephens, Jr. and Associates, Inc., the engineering firm which prepared the site plan for this project, and John B. Gontrum, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. Appearing as interested parties were Eric Rockel, a resident of the area who appeared on behalf of the Luther-ville Community Association, Diana Itter with the Office of Planning and Zoning, and Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, a local attorney.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property consists of 2.37 acres, more or less, predominantly zoned D.R. 3.5; however, a small portion of the site is split zoned 0-1 (0.037 acres) and B.L. The property is located adjacent to Front Avenue, not far (0.040 acres). from its intersection with Seminary Avenue, a major arterial road which transects the Lutherville community. The rear of the property abuts the Maryland Transit Authority's Light Rail Line. The surrounding properties are residential in nature and character; however, there are some commercial uses nearby. The history of the subject property is significant. This property came before me for consideration of a development plan in Case No. VIII-615 in which an eight-lot residential subdivision was pro-That plan was approved by Order issued March 25, 1995, and afposed. firmed on appeal. Therefore, at this time, Mr. Bautz has an approved, vested plan, which permits development of the site with eight single family dwellings.

However, Mr. Bautz has been contacted by Ivy Lane Development Corporation about an alternative development of the site. Under their proposal, a Class B Assisted Living Facility is proposed. Two buildings

will be constructed as shown on the elevation drawings submitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2. These buildings will be one-story in height, and are designed to have a residential character and appearance. Each building will house up to 15 residents, or 30 residents total. The facility will provide a common eating area and individual rooms for each resident. Vehicular access to the site will be by way of the same access/egress point previously approved in the development plan case. Natural features on the site including a row of mature pine trees along Front Avenue will be preserved. A storm water management facility is proposed for the rear of the site adjacent to the property line abutting the Light Rail system.

The Petitioner obtained a waiver from the Hearing Officer's Hearing and development review process by the Development Review Committee on September 28, 1995. It is to be stressed that this proposal is presented as an alternative to the vested and approved development plan. The property owner will take either approach in development of this site and approval of this project does not constitute an abandonment of the previously approved development plan. Testimony indicated that the Developer has carried on significant discussions with both Baltimore County and the Lutherville Community Association about this project. Mr. Rockel from the Lutherville Community Association indicated that he actively participated in negotiations with the Developer and property owner to ensure this project's compatibility with surrounding uses. He was satisfied that the plan would be appropriate for this area and supports and endorses its approval.

The Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ) submitted a lengthy Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment, the provisions of which shall

be incorporated in any approval herein. Ms. Itter indicated that the plan has been developed to incorporate OPZ's recommendations and requirements.

As to the Petition for Special Exception, the B.C.Z.R. permits the use proposed in a D.R. 3.5 zone by special exception. It is equally clear that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the primary uses in the vicinity. Therefore, it must be determined if the conditions as delineated in Section 502.1 are satisfied.

The Petitioner had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. The Petitioner has shown that the proposed use would be conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and would not adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances do not show that the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibit 1 would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use, irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A.2d 1319 (1981).

The proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification, nor in any other way be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

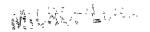
After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the special exception should be granted with certain restrictions as more fully described below.

As to the variance relief sought, the variances from RTA requirements are generated by virtue of the surrounding residential uses on all

sides of the property. If variance relief is not granted, the building envelopes would be nearly eliminated. Thus, the requested variance from RTA requirements is appropriate. The variance to permit parking in front of the building is appropriate due to the topography of the land and the need to construct a storm water management facility in the rear, which is the low point of this parcel. Furthermore, the proposed use will not generate a need for much parking. The variance from Section 432.5.b.3.b may not be necessary, but was requested because the regulations are not clear. The regulations require setbacks for the frontage on arterial roads Although the site is not in Baltimore County's in historic districts. historic district, it is located in the Lutherville National Register Historic District, a U.S. Government historic district. Also, an arterial road is not defined in this regulation and may be considered to be the Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, I will grant Light Rail line. the variance. Lastly, a variance from front yard setback requirements is necessary because of the unusual configuration and tapering of the lot.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.



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Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested in the special exception and variance should be granted.

THEREFORE. LT. IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of December, 1995 that the Petition for Special Exception for a Class B Assisted Living Facility, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as follows: From Section 1801.1.B.3(2)(3) and (5) to permit parking and buildings within 75 feet of a tract boundary within a Residential Transition Area

(RTA), and to allow clearing, grading and construction with 50 feet of the RTA; from Section 432.5.B.1.b(2) to permit parking in the front of proposed buildings in lieu of the required side and rear, and from Section 432.5.B.3.b for frontage on other than a principal arterial or location in an historic district; and from Section 1B01.2.C.1.a to permit a front yard setback of 37 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for a non-residential principal building, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.
- 2) Compliance with the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments submitted by the Office of Planning and Zoning dated December 11, 1995.

3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan and/or landscaping plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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## Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

December 18, 1995

John B. Gontrum, Esquire Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin 814 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21221

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION & VARIANCE
W/S Front Avenue, 283.8' SW of its intersection w/Seminary Avenue
(1414 Front Avenue)
8th Election District - 4th Councilmanic District
Thomas Bautz - Petitioner
Case No. 96-196-XA

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Pétitions for Special Exception and Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. Thomas Bautz

1414 Front Avenue, Lutherville, Md. 21093

Mr. Lewis E. Wolf, III, Ivy Lane Development Corporation 4807 Benson Lane, Baltimore, Md. 21227

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204

Mr. Eric Rockel
1610 Riderwood Drive, Lutherville, Md. 21093

Messrs. Robert Isennock, Jr./Rick Chadsey, G. W. Stephens, Jr.& Assoc. 658 Kenilworth Drive, Suite 100, Towson, Md. 21204

People's Counsel; Case/File



## Petition for Special Exception

## to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

1414 Front Avenue

96-196-X

which is presently zoned

D.R. 3.5

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for Assisted Living facilities, Class B of four or more.

This Petition is offered as an altervative to the 8 lot development plan approved in Case VIII 615 and is not intended to supersede the previous approval.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT

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from guidelines contained in Section 432.5B.1.b.(2) to permit parking in the front of proposed buildings in lieu of side and rear and in Section 432.5B.3.b. for frontage on other than principal arterial or location in an historic district;

and,

Section 1B01.2C.1.a for front yard set back of 37' in lieu of the required 50' for a non-residential principal building.

## STATEMENT OF REASONS 76-X

The subject property is uniquely configured in a D.R. 3.5 between the light rail line and Front Avenue. Its trapezoid shape, the existence of old trees buffering Front Avenue and topography all give rise to the variances sought.

The variances sought from the R.T.A. requirements are the result of trying to place the buildings away from the light rail line. Proximity to light rail is a real deterrent to residential living. At the same time the layout of the site is such that parking in the front of the buildings actually leads to a much less intrusive layout of the structures in relation to the houses across Front Avenue than rear parking.

Discussions with the Lutherville Community Association has led to the effort to preserve the landscaping along Front Avenue, which dictates the entrance way and hence the parking configuration. The buildings become more centered upon the lots and less bulky in appearance. As the elevations indicate, they will be very residential in character.

Waiver is requested also of the assisted living guidelines contained in Section 432.5B to have the parking located in the front and to have access onto Front Avenue. These guidelines are offered with respect to meeting compatibility requirements, and in this case given the location of the property the subject use is more compatible as planned than if the requirements were strictly followed. Front Street is not a principal arterial, but the light rail line has been considered as such in other cases. Having the property front on the light rail line, however, yields no benefits to anyone. The residents would be seeing a rail track as their primary view, and the rear of the buildings would be facing Front Street. The property is literally located just outside the boundaries of the Lutherville Historic District and less than 100 yards from Seminary Avenue, which also is a principal arterial roadway.

Parking again is better placed in the front of the buildings to soften the impact on the residential community, and discussions with both the community and with the Office of Planning and Zoning have led to the proposed configuration.

Strict adherence to the RTA and to the guidelines would in this case produce a result in direct contradiction to the purposes espoused by the guidelines and transition area, and would result in practical difficulty on both the developer and on the community, a result less compatible than the plan proposed.

The variance sought from Section 1B01.2C.1.a for a front yard setback of 37' in lieu of the required 50' for a non-residential principal building is done under the advice of zoning personnel although the use clearly is residential in character, and a variance would not be necessary either as a group house or as a multi-family dwelling. In addition, the building configuration was adopted as a means of harmonizing the fronts of the buildings and of providing a uniform appearance. As a point of fact the building face that lies within the 50' area could be slid backward outside the 50' area with no variance being necessary. The placement of

the buildings upon the lots was done to achieve a sense of balance, a minimization of obtrusiveness upon the neighborhood and an optimal utilization of the lot given its configuration. To reconfigure the building would not give the same balanced presentation as proposed.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF

## GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR., & ASSOCIATES, INC.

**ENGINEERS** 

658 KENILWORTH DRIVE, SUTTE 100, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Description to Accompany Special Exception and Variance Plat September 25, 1995 Bautz Property

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- 1. South 26 degrees 17 minutes 29 seconds West 379.76 feet.
- 2. South 67 degrees 46 minutes 06 seconds West 360.01 feet,
- 3. North 48 degrees 41 minutes 51 seconds East 450.00 feet,
- 4. South 63 degrees 26 minutes 04 seconds East 191.65 feet, to the point of beginning.

Containing 2.370 acres of land more or less.

Note: The above description is for zoning purposes only and is not to be used for contracts, conveyances or agreements.



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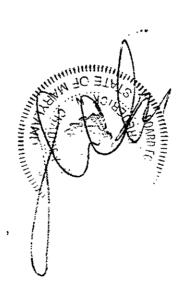
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## NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore
County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in
Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

or

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-196-X (Item 195)

1414 Front Avenue

NW/S Front Avenue, 284' SW of c/l Seminary Avenue and

SE/S Northern Central Railroad right-of-way 8th Election District - 4th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Thomas Bautz

Contract Purchaser: Ivy Lane Development Corporation

Special Exception for assisted living facilities, Class B, of four or more.

Variance to permit parking and buildings within 75 feet of a tract boundary within a RTA and to allow clearing, grading and construction within 50 feet RTA; to permit parking in the front of proposed buildings in lieu of side are rear and for frontage on other than principal arterial or location in an historic district; and for front yard setback of 37 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for a non-residential principal building.

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in
Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

or

Room 118. Old Courthouse. 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-196-X (Item 195)

1414 Front Avenue

NW/S Front Avenue, 284' SW of c/l Seminary Avenue and

SE/S Northern Central Railroad right-of-way 8th Election District - 4th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Thomas Bautz

Contract Purchaser: Ivy Lane Development Corporation

Special Exception for assisted living facilities, Class B, of four or more.

Variance to permit parking and buildings within 75 feet of a tract boundary within a RTA and to allow clearing, grading and construction within 50 feet RTA; to permit parking in the front of proposed buildings in lieu of side are rear and for frontage on other than principal arterial or location in an historic district; and for front yard setback of 37 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for a non-residential principal building.

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, 01d Courthouse.

Arnold Jablon Director

cc: Thomas Bautz

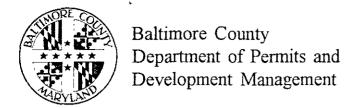
Ivy Lane Development Corporation

John B. Gontrum, Esq.

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 194, 121 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AMEJOR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 087-3391.





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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

April 14, 1999

Ms. Leslie L. Leppado Constellation Senior Services, Inc. Ten Corporate Center, Suite 300 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway Columbia, Maryland 21044

Dear Ms. Leppado:

RE: Zoning verification, 1420 Front Avenue, Zoning case #96-196-XA, 8<sup>th</sup> Election District

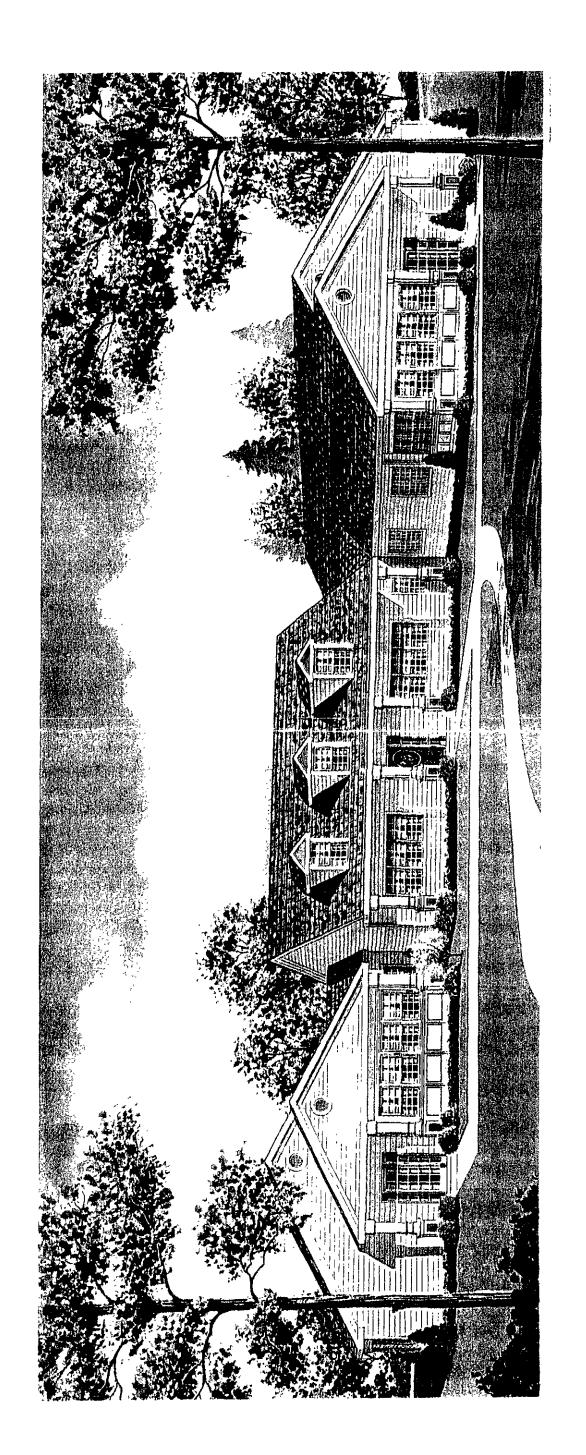
This letter confirms that 1420 Front Avenue is approved as a 15 resident class "B" assisted living facility pursuant to Zoning case #96-196-XA and issued approved building permit #B263288. Therefore, this location is approved for zoning as stated above.

I trust that the information set forth in this letter is sufficiently detailed and responsive to the request. If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-887-3391.

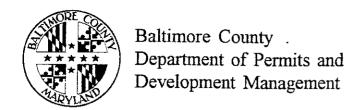
Sincerely,

John L. Lewis Planner II Zoning Review

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

December 5, 1995

John B. Gontrum, Esquire Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin, P.A. 814 Eastern Blvd. Essex, Maryland 21221

RE: Item No.: 195

Case No.: 96-196-X

Petitioner: Thomas Bautz

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on November 4, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

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Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

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Attachment(s)

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Nov. 22, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review Division

RE:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for November 20, 1995 Item No. 195

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. Front Avenue is an existing road, which shall ultimately be improved as a 30-foot street cross-section on a 53-foot right-of-way per Thomas Hamer, Deputy Director of Public Works.

The proposed entrance will be constructed per Dept. of Public Works Road and Street Detail Standard Plate R-32, Single Commercial Entrance.

The Special Exception Hearing requires that a schematic landscape plan be submitted for review prior to the hearing.

RWB:sw

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Nov. 29, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review Division

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for November 27, 1995 Item No. 195

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. A schematic landscape plan must be submitted as a condition of the Special Exception and Variance request.

RWB:sw

## Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 11/20/95

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

Property Owner: THOMAS BAUTZ

LOCATION: NW/S FRONT AVE., 284' SW OF CENTERLINE SEMINARY AVE. ALSO SE/S NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD (NCRR) RIGHT-OF-WAY.

(14)4 FRONT AVE \_ BAUTZ PROPERTY)

Item No.: 195 \

Zoning Agenda: SPECIAL EXCEPTION / VARIANCE

Gentlemen:

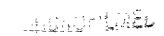
Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

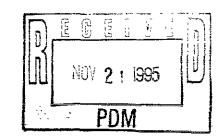
- 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.
- 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1991 edition prior to occupancy.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File









David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

M-22-95

Baltimore County (WCR)

RE:

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief **Engineering Access Permits** 

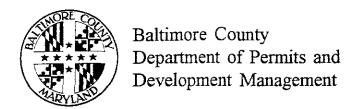
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

November 16, 1995

John B. Gontrum, Esquire Romadka, Gontrum, and McLaughlin 814 Eastern Boulevard Essex, MD 21221

96-196-1

**RE: Preliminary Petition Review** 

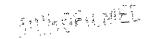
Item #195

Legal Owner: Thomas Bautz Contract Purchaser: Ivy Lane Development Corporation 1414 Front Avenue 8th Election District

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

At the request of the attorney/petitioner, the above referenced petition was accepted for filing without a final filing review by the staff. The plan was accepted with the understanding that all zoning issues/filing requirements would be addressed. A subsequent review by the staff has revealed unaddressed zoning issues and/or incomplete information. The following comments are advisory and do not necessarily identify all details and inherent technical zoning requirements necessary for a complete application. As with all petitions/plans filed in this office, it is the final responsibility of the petitioner to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts and, if necessary, to file revised petition materials. All revisions (including those required by the hearing officer) must be accompanied by a check made out to Baltimore County, Maryland for the \$100.00 revision fee.

1. Be aware that any amendment to an approved development plan will require a new development approval hearing, a Development Review Committee (DRC) action granting a refinement or other appropriate action by the DRC. This is in reference to the development plan number listed in the special exception petition; i.e., VIII-615.





John B. Gontrum, Esquire November 16, 1995 Page 2

- 2. Multiple site plan requirements for zoning filing review are missing from the site plan. These include, but not necessarily limited to, the front building orientations, all building setbacks, dimensions of proposed lot lines, maximum building heights both in and out of RTA (35 feet in, 50 feet out). Provide engineer scaled dimensioned elevation drawings to confirm compliance on the plan. Variance non-compliance.
- 3. The RTA information is incomplete. An accurate RTA review requires the following information: Include on the plan and clearly label all off-site sources of RTA on-site, including all dwellings and small lots of record less than 2 acres. All off-site buildings within 150 feet of a proposed unlike use tract must be labeled with the existing use. Dwellings must be labeled "existing dwelling" and all vacant lots must include the acreage. All lot and deed divisional lines that adjoin or are across street from the subject property must be shown clearly. The most restrictive residential transition areas must be labeled with the required and applicable 150 foot RTA dimension and included on the plan print. The 100 foot RTA area must also be labeled and shown. Clearly and conspicuously note on the plan: "All off-site dwellings and small lots of record (less than 2 acres) that create a RTA on-site are shown with the required 150 foot distance dimensions and 100 foot RTA". Clearly label all unlike building fronts, label and dimension 75 foot RTA setbacks, 50 foot RTA buffers. Provide and designate on the plan print the required and applicable RTA buffers with a conspicuous bold line around the boundary and remove all other uses, except those drives as permitted under the CMDP. Remove any proposed private yard space from the required RTA planted buffers. Note on buildings or other uses to be removed from the RTA buffer area that the area will be replanted in accordance with the landscape manual.
- 4. Note on the plan if this site is, or is not, in the N.R.H.D. If so, the use is not permitted.
- 5. Drop the 4x bed density references on the plan. Section 432.5 (BCZR) does not use a bed/density count.
- 6. All variance requests must reference what is proposed as meeting the zoning requirements in lieu of that specific requirement. This is lacking on the petition request and is unclear on the plan. For example, what RTA buffers, setbacks, and dimensions (as well as location of these items) on the plan are proposed to comply, to what extent possible, with BCZR requirements.

John B. Gontrum, Esquire November 16, 1995 Page 3

- 7. Is this a non-principal arterial location, as well as historic district? The petition wording does not make this clear.
- 8. The description and plan disagree in the P.O.B. to street centerline bearing; the first metes and bounds dimension is missing from the plan.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

ਰਿੰnn L. Lewis Planner II

**Zoning Review** 

JLL:scj

Enclosure (receipt)

c: Zoning Commissioner

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

95-196-4

## INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: December 11, 1995

Permits & Development Management

FROM: Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Thomas Bautz Property - Item #195

INFORMATION:

Item Numbers:

195

Petitioner:

Thomas Bautz

Property Size:

2.37 acre

Zoning:

 $\underline{DR}$  3.5 - 2.293 acre, 0 1 - .037 acre,

BL - .040 acre

Requested Action:

Special Exception for Assisted Living

Facility, Class B and Variances

Hearing Date:

12/13/95

The Petitioner has requested a Special Exception for a thirty bed Class B Assisted Living Facility that is subject to a compatibility finding pursuant to Section 26-282 of the Baltimore County Development Regulations and Section 432.5.B.1.d of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. (See attached Compatibility Analysis.) Variances are also requested from the following: 1. Section 1B01.1.B.e(2) (3) (5) for parking and buildings within 75 feet of a tract boundary within a residential transition area (r.t.a) and to allow clearing and construction within a 50 foot r.t.a. 2. Section 432.5.B.1.b(2) to permit parking in the front of the building in lieu of the side and rear yard and from Section 432.5.B.3.b. for frontage on a road other than a principal arterial 3. Section 1B01.2.C.1.a for a front yard setback of 37' in lieu of 50'.

Since the subject property, known as the Bautz property, is located within the Lutherville National Register Historic District and in proximity to the Lutherville Baltimore County Historic District, the Baltimore County Landmarks Commission may provide a supplemental comment.

Arnold Jablon, Director, PDM December 8, 1995

SUBJECT: Thomas Bautz Property - Item #195

## Zoning History

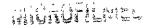
The Bautz property was previously the subject of a hearing officer's hearing, Case No. VIII - 615 in which a single family lot subdivison of eight lots was approved by Zoning Commissioner Lawrence E. Schmidt, amended order of March 25, 1993. After appeal to the County Board of Appeals, a consent order was issued on June 29, 1993 upholding the Zoning Commissioner's ruling. More recently, on September 26, 1995, the Development Review Committee granted a limited exemption pursuant to Section 26-171(b)(9) of the Baltimore County Development Regulations for two 22,000 square foot buildings for a Class B assisted living facility. Development plan approval has not yet occurred for this site.

## <u>Special Exception and Variances - Recommendations:</u>

It is the opinion of this office that the proposed Class B Assisted Living facility has been designed in a manner that is highly compatible with the surrounding land uses. The site is unique in nature, containing 2.37 acres, bounded by the Central Transit Light Rail on the west, mature evergreen trees on Front Avenue on the east, the Creighton Center office complex on the south, and residential uses to the north. The variances as requested should be granted, the parking in the front is well screened from view of the residences on the east side of Front Avenue by mature evergreen trees 40 feet in height and a proposed hedge. Due to the irregular nature of the property and the necessity to provide a greenway easement for a future hike and bike trail, it is impractical to provide the 50 foot front yard setback and to locate parking and buildings 75 feet from the tract boundary within the r.t.a.

This office recommends approval of the Special Exception and Variances subject to the following conditions: (See Compatibility Analysis for further detail.)

- 1. The development plan should incorporate details showing the proposed sign, entry treatment and a lighting scheme and detail. An internal pathway system should be shown which complements the seating area in the open space between the buildings and provides access to Front Avenue. The sign should incorporate architectural elements such as stone or brick columns and pedestals that accent the entry way.
- 2. The type and proposed colors of building materials should be noted on the Development Plan. Preferred colors are the light tones such as cameo, champagne, almond, or sage in the narrow width for the vinyl siding.
- 3. The Development Plan shall be subject to approval by the Director of Planning. Before granting approval, the Director of Planning shall consult with the Landmarks Preservation Commission.



PROJECT NAME: Bautz Property

PROJECT NUMBER: DRC #98265A

## COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS

Section 26-282 (2) of The Baltimore County Development Regulations requires the Director Of Planning to make compatibility recommendations to the Hearing Officer for development of a Class B Assisted Living Facility. The Office of Planning has reviewed the Site Plan, Landscape Plan and the Bautz Property architectural elevations, site sections and photographs and offers the following Compatibility analysis.

The 8 compatibility objectives of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policy (CMDP) and Section 26-282(b) of the Baltimore County Code are listed below. The application to this plan follows the objective.

1. The arrangement and orientation of the proposed buildings and site improvements are patterned in a similar manner to those in the neighborhood.

The buildings are clustered behind the existing Norway Spruce trees and are front oriented to Front Avenue. The front building setback is staggered, approximating the average front setback of the dwellings on the east side of Front Avenue.

2. The building and parking lot layouts reinforce existing building and streetscape patterns and assure that the placement of buildings and parking lots have no adverse impact on the neighborhood.

The improvements are patterned in a similar manner to those in the neighborhood.

The parking lot consists of a single loaded parking bay, oriented in proximity to the front of the building and intensively screened.

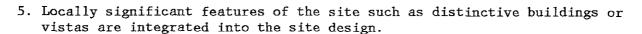
3. The proposed streets are connected with the existing neighborhood road network wherever possible and the proposed sidewalks are located to support the functional patterns of the neighborhood.

A traditional sidewalk parallel to Front Avenue is not possible due to the existing Norway Spruce trees, which are a significant site feature which must be preserved. A Waiver of Sidewalks on Front Avenue was previously approved and is still reasonable. However, an internal path should be extended to the southeast corner of the property with a gate to Front Avenue.

4. The open spaces of the proposed development reinforce the open space patterns of the neighborhood in form and siting and complement existing open space systems.

The site has an internal open space system which incorporates benches. It can be further enhanced by adding a gazebo and an interior pathway system.

In accordance with the Baltimore County Master Plan 1989-2000, a 13' wide greenway easement has been shown to the rear of the property. The greenway will be established as a bike and hike trail when connected to an overall system.



The existing 40' Norway Spruce trees are being preserved and enhanced by the addition of a low hedge. The major deciduous trees that provide a buffer along the central transit light rail edge are also being preserved.

6. The proposed landscape design complements the neighborhood's landscape patterns and reinforces its functional qualities.

As previously stated, the existing Norway Spruce are a dominant site feature and provide an attractive edge for the site. The proposed landscaping at the entrance to the site accents the entryway.

7. The exterior signs, site lighting and accessory structures support a uniform architectural theme and present a harmonious visual relationship with the surrounding neighborhood.

It is preferred that the sign be designed to incorporate architectural elements such as stone or brick columns that accent the entrance way. A traditional element such as pedestals should be incorporated with the sign. Together with the proposed hedge, they will provide a motif that relates the project to the historic district.

8. The scale, proportions, massing and detailing of the proposed buildings are in proportion to those existing in the neighborhood.

The scale and massing is effectively reduced through the articulation of the building into what reads as three separate sections. The window treatments and dormers add a residential character.

A lighting scheme and detail as well as a final sign detail should be provided for review and approval by the Office of Planning on the Development Plan. Before granting approval, the Director of Planning shall consult with the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

The type of building materials proposed should be reviewed by this Office; a note should be added to the Development Plan stating the specific materials proposed. The vinyl siding is preferred to be light in color and tone. The Dove Gray fiberglass architectural shingles for the roof are acceptable.

The Office of Planning recommends to the Hearing Officer that this Development meets the Compatibility Objectives of the CMDP and Baltimore County Development Regulations subject to the Development Plan recommendations.

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Division Chief: Camp Una

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THIS DROP-OFF PETITION IS BEING RETURNED AS TWO QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED BEFORE ANY PETITION CAN BE DROPPED-OFF. THE QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED ARE: (1) ARE THERE ANY VIOLATIONS ON THIS PROPERTY AND (2) HAS ANYONE IN THIS OFFICE REVIEWED THIS BEFORE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS POLICY, CONTACT CARL RICHARDS IN THE ZONING **OFFICE AT 887-3391.** 

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Thomas Bautz Petitione	r	*		
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### ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 1 day of December, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John B. Gontrum, Esquire, Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin, 814 Eastern Boulevard. Baltimore, MD 21221, attorney for Petitioners.

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658 KENILWORTH DRIVE SUITE 100 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 410/825-8120 FAX 410/583-0288

# GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR. AND ASSOCIATES, INC. CONSULTING ENGINEERS

**BEL AIR** 

203 EAST BROADWAY BEL AIR, MAR YLANID 21014 410/879-1500 410/838-3800 FAX 410/893-0425

TO: PE	DATE: Thursday, November 30, 1995
	REFERENCE: BAUTZ PROPERTY
ATT	ENTION: JOHN LEWIS
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# Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

September 30, 1999

McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe LLP 7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 1000 Baltimore, MD 21202 Attn: Charmaygne E. Litz, Paralegal

Dear Gentlemen:

RE: Assisted living facility known as Ivy Lane/Bautz Property (the "Project"), 1414 and 1420 Front Ave. 8th Election District

Based on the information provided on the ALTA/ASCM Land Title Survey for the above addresses, please be advised of the following as Zoning Review issues as of the date hereof:

- 1. Current Zoning: The Land on which the Project is constructed is predominantly zoned D.R. 3.5, and is subject only to the use restrictions generally applicable to that classification which are contained in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.
- 2. Conformance with Current Zoning Requirements: Based on the materials available from our records, we have no reason to believe that either the use of the Property or the improvements thereon are nonconforming.
- 3. Right to Rebuild Following Casualty. In the event of casualty, the Project may be rebuilt substantially in its current form (i.e., no loss of square footage, same building footprint) upon satisfaction of the following conditions and/or limitations: per zoning case 96-196-XA and the approved Development Plan under DRC #09265A (copy of Zoning Order and Restrictions attached)
- 4. No Further Approvals or Licenses Required. The current use of the Project by its present owners for 2 Class B 15 Residents (each) Assisted Living Facility purposes is a permitted use under the Zoning Ordinance without the necessity of any rezoning, use permit, variance or other approval other than as stated above. We are not aware of any other permit or license required by this jurisdiction that a purchaser must obtain before it may acquire the Project or before the Project may continue to be used in the manner in which it is presently being used.
- 5. Compliance with Subdivision Regulations. Due to the prior approvals staff assumes that the Project complies with, or is otherwise exempt from, applicable subdivision regulations.



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McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe LLP Page 2 September 30, 1999

- 6. <u>Parking.</u> The required number of parking spaces for this Property is 23 spaces i.e.; 1 space for each 3 residents to the best of our knowledge.
- 7. No Applications Pending. No application for rezoning of the Project, or for a special or conditional use permit or variance in connection with the Project, is now pending. No proceeding to challenge the zoning, or other governmental approval or use of the Project is pending, or, to the best of our knowledge, overtly threatened.
- 8. Certificates of Occupancy Issued. A valid final certificate of occupancy under permit #B263288 has been issued and is now outstanding for the Project. Staff is not aware of any other occupancy approvals.
- 9. No Violations; All Development-Related Fees Paid. We are unaware of (i) the existence of any violations or alleged violations of any zoning, subdivision, building or similar ordinances or regulations applicable to the Project within the past three years, or (ii) any enforcement proceedings against the Project that are pending or contemplated. Since permits have been issued staff assumes that all fees required to have been paid in connection with the development and use of the Project, including any impact-related fees, have been paid, and no such fees which would have applicability to the Project are otherwise pending or contemplated.

To the best of our knowledge the Project is not in violation of any rent control regulations.

Sincerely,

John L. Lewis Planner II Zoning Review

JLL:rsj

Enclosure

c: 96-196-XA

### McGuireWoods Battle&Boothelle

7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 1000 Baltimore, Maryland 21202-1626 Telephone/TDD (410) 659-4400 • Fax (410) 659-4599

Charmaygne E. Litz E-mail: celitz@mwbb.com

September 14, 1999

9/s/4 To FILL 9/17/99 100/10 check

Direct Dial: 410-659-4425 Direct Fax: 410-659-4475

See Prior

### VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Attn: John Lewis

Re:

Zoning Verification for Tax I.D. Nos. 08-22-00027193 and 08-22-00027194

Owner: Hearthomes Residence at Lutherville

Property Address: 1414 & 1420 Front Avenue, Lutherville, Baltimore County,

Maryland

Dear Mr. Lewis:

In connection with the above-referenced request, enclosed please find the survey for the property. I am assuming that this will be enough for you to complete your letter.

Please have the letter forwarded directly to the undersigned at the law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe LLP, 7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 1000, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at the number indicated above.

Very truly yours,

Charmay gne E. Litz

Legal Assistant

cc: Ann L. Ramsey, Esquire

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July 19, 1999

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### **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Attn: Arnold Jablon

Re:

Zoning Verification for Tax I.D. Nos. 08-22-00027193 and 08-22-00027194

Owner: Hearthomes Residence at Lutherville

Property Address: 1414 & 1420 Front Avenue, Lutherville, Baltimore County,

Maryland

### Dear Sir/Madam:

I would like to request that the Department of Permits and Development Management issue a zoning verification letter in the form similar to the letter attached hereto concerning the above-referenced property. I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the fee for this issuance.

Please have the letter forwarded directly to the undersigned at the law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe LLP, 7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 1000, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at the number indicated above.

Very truly yours

Charmaygne E. Litz

Legal Assistant

cc: Ann L. Ramsey, Esquire

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

and VARIANCE - W/S Front Avenue, 283.8' SW of its intersection

w/Seminary Avenue (1414 Front Avenue)

8th Election District
4th Councilmanic District

\* BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

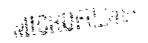
\* Case No. 96-196-XA

Thomas Bautz Petitioner

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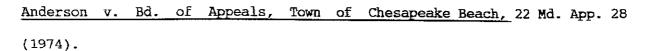
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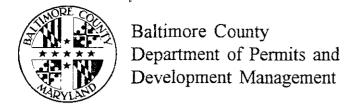
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

April 14, 1999

Ms. Leslie L. Leppado Constellation Senior Services, Inc. Ten Corporate Center, Suite 300 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway Columbia, Maryland 21044

Dear Ms. Leppado:

RE: Zoning verification, 1420 Front Avenue, Zoning case #96-196-XA, 8<sup>th</sup> Election District

This letter confirms that 1420 Front Avenue is approved as a 15 resident class "B" assisted living facility pursuant to Zoning case #96-196-XA and issued approved building permit #B263288. Therefore, this location is approved for zoning as stated above.

I trust that the information set forth in this letter is sufficiently detailed and responsive to the request. If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-887-3391.

Sincerely,

John L. Lewis Planner II Zoning Review

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# COMMUNITY PROTESTANT (S) SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS			
Elie Rockel	1610 Ridierwood DR. Lutherville			

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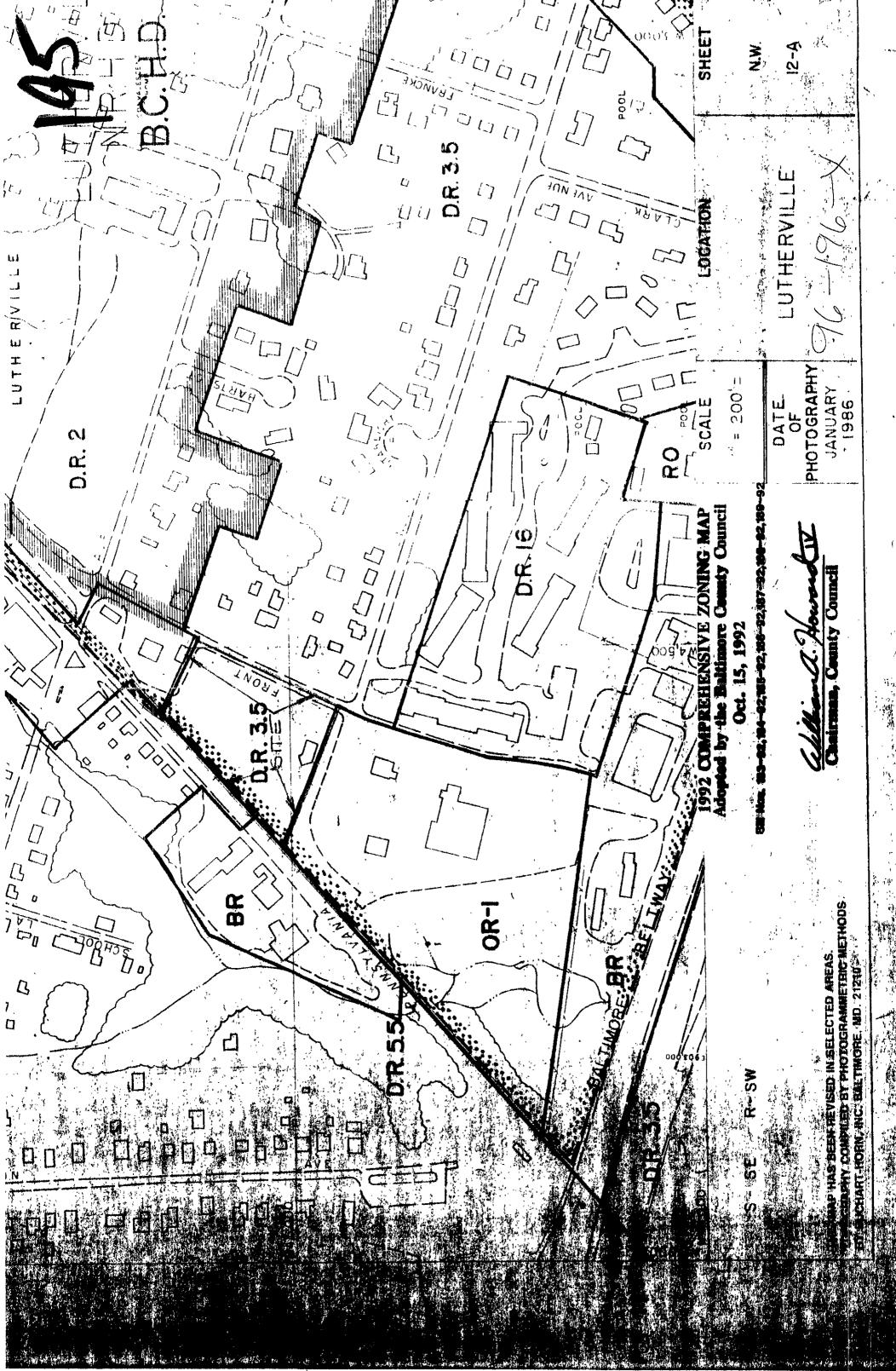
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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

Suite 112, Courthouse

December 18, 1995

John B. Gontrum, Esquire Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin 814 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21221

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION & VARIANCE W/S Front Avenue, 283.8' SW of its intersection w/Seminary Avenue (1414 Front Avenue) 8th Election District - 4th Councilmanic District Thomas Bautz - Petitioner Case No. 96-196-XA

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Exception and Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Mr. Thomas Bautz 1414 Front Avenue, Lutherville, Md. 21093

Mr. Lewis E. Wolf, III, Ivy Lane Development Corporation 4807 Benson Lane, Baltimore, Md. 21227

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204

Mr. Eric Rockel 1610 Riderwood Drive, Lutherville, Md. 21093

Messrs. Robert Isennock, Jr./Rick Chadsey, G. W. Stephens, Jr.& Assoc. 658 Kenilworth Drive, Suite 100, Towson, Md. 21204 People's Counsel; Case/File

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This Petition is offered as an altervative to the 8 lot development plan approved in Case VIII 615 and is not intended to supersede the previous approval.

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We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of penury, that tiwe are the Thomas Bautz Ivy Lane Development Corporation (Type or Print Name) Syphone Lewis E. Wolff, III, Project Manager Signature 1414 Front Ave., Lutherville, MD 21093 Baltimore, MD 21227

John B. Gontrum, Esquire ype or Print Name) REMADRA, GONTRUM & MCLAUGHLIN, P.A. 814 Eastern Blvd. Sssex, Maryland 21221 DROP-OFF

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ssex, Maryland 21221

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No REVIEW

FROM THE OFFICE OF GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR., & ASSOCIATES, INC. **ENGINEERS** 

658 KENILWORTH DRIVE, SUITE 100, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 Description to Accompany Special Exception and Variance Plat September 25, 1995

Beginning at a point on the westerly right-of-way of Front Avenue, said point -being South 33 degrees 02 minutes 29 seconds West 283.80 feet more or less, from a point formed by the intersection of the centerlines of Seminary Avenue and Front Avenue, running thence leaving said point of beginning, along the westerly right-of-way of Front Avenue, along the following 4 courses.

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STATEMENT OF REASONS

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line. Proximity to light rail is a real deterrent to residential

living. At the same time the layout of the site is such that

parking in the front of the buildings actually leads to a much less

intrusive layout of the structures in relation to the houses across

to the effort to preserve the landscaping along Front Avenue, which

dictates the entrance way and hence the parking configuration. The

buildings become more centered upon the lots and less bulky in

appearance. As the elevations indicate, they will be very

contained in Section 432.5B to have the parking located in the

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this case given the location of the property the subject use is

more compatible as planned than if the requirements were strictly

followed. Front Street is not a principal arterial, but the light rail line has been considered as such in other cases. Having the

property front on the light rail line, however, yields no benefits

to anyone. The residents would be seeing a rail track as their primary view, and the rear of the buildings would be facing Front

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boundaries of the Lutherville Historic District and less than 100 yards from Seminary Avenue, which also is a principal arterial

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adopted as a means of harmonizing the fronts of the buildings and

of providing a uniform appearance. As a point of fact the building face that lies within the 50' area could be slid backward outside the 50' area with no variance being necessary. The placement of

Parking again is better placed in the front of the buildings

Strict adherence to the RTA and to the guidelines would in

The variance sought from Section 1B01.2C.1.a for a front yard

The subject property is uniquely configured in a D.R. 3.5

The variances sought from the R.T.A. requirements are the

Discussions with the Lutherville Community Association has led

Waiver is requested also of the assisted living guidelines

ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 96-196-X			
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FROM THE OFFICE OF GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR., & ASSOCIATES, INC. ENGINEERS

658 KENILWORTH DRIVE, SUITE 100, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Description to Accompany Special Exception and Variance Plat November 30, 1995

Beginning at a point on the westerly right-of-way of Front Avenue, said point being South 33 degrees 02 minutes 29 seconds West 283.80 feet more or less, from a point formed by the intersection of the centerlines of Seminary Avenue and Front Avenue, running thence leaving said point of beginning, along the westerly right-of-way of Front Avenue, along the following 4 courses.

1. South 26 degrees 17 minutes 29 seconds West 379.76 feet. 2. South 67 degrees 46 minutes 06 seconds West 360.01 feet,

3. North 48 degrees 41 minutes 51 seconds East 439.32 feet.

4. South 63 degrees 26 minutes 04 seconds East 191.65 feet, to the point of

Containing 2.370 acres of land more or less.

Note: The above description is for zoning purposes only and is not to be used for contracts, conveyances or agreements.

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BALTIMORE DUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION DROP-OFF - NO REVIEW MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT ITEM #19 #195 001-6150 AMOUNT\_\$620.00 (HCR) Ivy Lane Development Corporation #020 - CV #050 - SPX #080 - SIGN (2) 1414 Front Avenue 0267180098871980 VALIDATION OR SIGNATURE OF CASHIER BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF MANCE - REVENUE DIVISION 013404 MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT ITEM #195 AMOUNT \$ 100.00 (JLL.) RECEIVED Rebecca & Robert Isennock, Jr. #110 - REVISIONS Bautr Property - 1414 Front Avenue 03A91#0235M1CHRC \$100.00 BA C002:19PM12-04-95 VALIDATION OR SIGNATURE OF CASHIER

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Nov. 22, 1995

Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review Division

for November 20, 1995

Item No. 195

Director of Public Works.

Single Commercial Entrance.

RWB:sw

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Zoning Administration and Development Management

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed

which shall ultimately be improved as a 30-foot street cross-

The proposed entrance will be constructed per Dept. of

The Special Exception Hearing requires that a schematic

landscape plan be submitted for review prior to the hearing.

the subject zoning item. Front Avenue is an existing road,

section on a 53-foot right-of-way per Thomas Hamer, Deputy

Public Works Road and Street Detail Standard Plate R-32,

Please foward billing to: John B. Gontrum, Esq. 814 Eastern Boulevard Essex, Maryland 21221 686-8274 NOTICE OF HEARING The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 105 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows: CASE NUMBER: 96-196-I (Item 195) 1414 Front Avenue NW/S Front Avenue, 284' SW of c/l Seminary Avenue and SE/S Northern Central Railroad right-of-way 8th Election District - 4th Councilmanic Legal Owner: Thomas Bautz Contract Purchaser: Ivy Lane Development Corporation Special Exception for assisted living facilities, Class B, of four or more. Variance to permit parking and buildings within 75 feet of a tract boundary within a RTA and to allow clearing, grading and construction within 50 feet RTA; to permit parking in the front of proposed buildings in lieu of side are rear and for frontage on other than principal arterial or location in an historic district; and for front yard setback of 37 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for a non-residential principal building. HEARTHS: WEINESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse. LAURENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.

TO: POTOZENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

November 22/23, 1995 Issue - Jeffersonian

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Nov. 29, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief WDevelopment Plans Review Division Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for November 27, 1995 Item No. 195 The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed

the subject zoning item. A schematic landscape plan must be submitted as a condition of the Special Exception and Variance request.

Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

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Special Exception for assisted living facilities, Class B, of four or more. Variance to permit parking and buildings within 75 feet of a tract boundary within a RTA and to allow clearing, grading and construction within 50 feet RTA; to permit parking in the front of proposed buildings in lieu of side are rear and for frontage on other than principal arterial or location in an historic district; and for front yard setback of 37 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for a non-residential principal building.

HEARING: WEDFESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

Ivy Lane Development Corporation John B. Gontrum, Esq.

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO PM. 194, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE IT 387-3391.

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 11/20/95

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: THOMAS BAUTZ

LOCATION: NW/S FRONT AVE., 284' SW OF CENTERLINE SEMINARY AVE. ALSO SE/S NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD (NERR) RIGHT-OF-WAY. (1414 FRONT AVE \_ BAUTZ PROPERTY)

Zoning Agenda: SPECIAL EXCEPTION / VARIANCE

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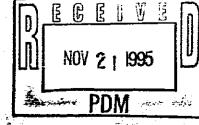
Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

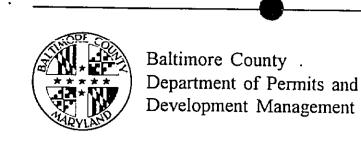
4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1991 edition prior to occupancy.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F







Development Processing County Office Building III West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

December 5, 1995

John B. Gontrum, Esquire Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin, P.A. 814 Eastern Blvd. Essex, Maryland 21221

> RE: Item No.: 195 Case No.: 96-196-X Petitioner: Thomas Bautz

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on November 4, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw Attachment(s)

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Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

Towson, Maryland 21204 Dear Ms. Watson:

Ms. Joyce Watson

Baltimore County Office of

Permits and Development Management

County Office Building, Room 109

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

November 16, 1995

John B. Gontrum, Esquire Romadka, Gontrum, and McLaughlin 814 Eastern Boulevard Essex, MD 21221

RE: Preliminary Petition Review Item #195 Legal Owner: Thomas Bautz Contract Purchaser: Ivv Lane Development Corporation 1414 Front Avenue 8th Election District

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

At the request of the attorney/petitioner, the above referenced petition was accepted for filing without a final filing review by the staff. The plan was accepted with the understanding that all zoning issues/filing requirements would be addressed. A subsequent review by the staff has revealed unaddressed zoning issues and/or incomplete information. The following comments are advisory and do not necessarily identify all details and inherent technical zoning requirements necessary for a complete application. As with all petitions/plans filed in this office, it is the final responsibility of the petitioner to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts and, if necessary, to file revised petition materials. All revisions (including those required by the hearing officer) must be accompanied by a check made out to Baltimore County, Maryland for the \$100.00 revision fee.

> Be aware that any amendment to an approved development plan will require a new development approval hearing, a Development Review Committee (DRC) action granting a refinement or other appropriate action by the DRC. This is in reference to the development plan number listed in the special exception petition; i.e., VIII-615.

John B. Gontrum. Esquire November 16, 1995

- Multiple site plan requirements for zoning filing review are missing from the site plan. These include, but not necessarily limited to, the front building orientations, all building setbacks, dimensions of proposed lot lines, maximum building heights both in and out of RTA (35 feet in, 50 feet out). Provide engineer scaled dimensioned elevation drawings to confirm compliance on the plan. Variance non-compliance.
- 3. The RTA information is incomplete. An accurate RTA review requires the following information: Include on the plan and clearly label all off-site sources of RTA on-site, including all dwellings and small lots of record less than 2 acres. All off-site buildings within 150 feet of a proposed unlike use tract must be labeled with the existing use. Dwellings must be labeled "existing dwelling" and all vacant lots must include the acreage. All lot and deed divisional lines that adjoin or are across street from the subject property must be shown clearly. The most restrictive residential transition areas must be labeled with the required and applicable 150 foot RTA dimension and included on the plan print. The 100 foot RTA area must also be labeled and shown. Clearly and conspicuously note on the plan: "All off-site dwellings and small lots of record (less than 2 acres) that create a RTA on-site are shown with the required 150 foot distance dimensions and 100 foot RTA". Clearly label all unlike building fronts, label and dimension 75 foot RTA setbacks, 50 foot RTA buffers. Provide and designate on the plan print the required and applicable RTA buffers with a conspicuous bold line around the boundary and remove all other uses, except those drives as permitted under the CMDP. Remove any proposed private yard space from the required RTA planted buffers. Note on buildings or other uses to be removed from the RTA buffer area that the area will be replanted in accordance with the landscape manual.
- Note on the plan if this site is, or is not, in the N.R.H.D. If so, the use is not permitted.
- 5. Drop the 4x bed density references on the plan. Section 432.5 (BCZR) does not use a bed/density count.
- 6. All variance requests must reference what is proposed as meeting the zoning requirements in lieu of that specific requirement. This is lacking on the petition request and is unclear on the plan. For example, what RTA buffers, setbacks, and dimensions (as well as location of these items) on the plan are proposed to comply, to what extent possible, with BCZR requirements.

John B. Gontrum, Esquire November 16, 1995 Page 3

- 7. Is this a non-principal arterial location, as well as historic district? The petition wording does not make this clear.
- 8. The description and plan disagree in the P.O.B. to street centerline bearing; the first metes and bounds dimension is missing from the plan. If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate

don L. Lewis Planner II

Zoning Review

JLL:scj

Enclosure (receipt) c: Zoning Commissioner

to contact me at 887-3391.

The Petitioner has requested a Special Exception for a thirty bed Class B Assisted Living Facility that is subject to a compatibility finding pursuant to Section 26-282 of the Baltimore County Development Regulations and Section 432.5.B.1.d of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. ( See attached Compatibility Analysis. ) Variances are also requested from the following: 1. Section 1B01.1.B.e(2) (3) (5) for parking and buildings within 75 feet of a tract boundary within a residential transition area (r.t.a) and to allow clearing and construction within a 50 foot r.t.a. 2. Section 432.5.B.1.b(2) to permit parking in the front of the building in lieu of the side and rear yard and from Section 432.5.B.3.b. for frontage on a road other than a principal arterial 3. Section 1B01.2.C.1.a for a front yard setback of 37' in lieu of 50'.

2.37 acre

DR 3.5 - 2.293 acre, 0 1 - .037 acre,

BL - .040 acre

Special Exception for Assisted Living

Facility, Class B and Variances

12/13/95

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

INFORMATION:

Item Numbers:

Property Size:

Hearing Date:

Petitioner:

Zoning:

FROM: Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Permits & Development Management

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Thomas Bautz Property - Item #195

Thomas Bautz

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: December 11, 1995

Since the subject property, known as the Bautz property, is located within the Lutherville National Register Historic District and in proximity to the Lutherville Baltimore County Historic District, the Baltimore County Landmarks Commission may provide a supplemental comment.

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Arnold Jablon, Director, PDM December 8, 1995

SUBJECT: Thomas Bautz Property - Item #195

The Bautz property was previously the subject of a hearing officer's hearing, Case No. VIII - 615 in which a single family lot subdivison of eight lots was approved by Zoning Commissioner Lawrence E. Schmidt, amended order of March 25, 1993. After appeal to the County Board of Appeals, a consent order was issued on June 29, 1993 upholding the Zoning Commissioner's ruling. More recently, on September 26, 1995, the Development Review Committee granted a limited exemption pursuant to Section 26-171(b)(9) of the Baltimore County Development Regulations for two 22,000 square foot buildings for a Class B assisted living facility. Development plan approval has not yet occurred for this site.

Special Exception and Variances - Recommendations: It is the opinion of this office that the proposed Class B Assisted Living facility has been designed in a manner that is highly compatible with the surrounding land uses. The site is unique in nature, containing 2.37 acres, bounded by the Central Transit Light Rail on the west, mature evergreen trees on Front Avenue on the east, the Creighton Center office complex on the south, and residential uses to the north. The variances as requested should be granted, the parking in the front is well screened from view of the residences on the east side of Front Avenue by mature evergreen trees 40 feet in height and a proposed hedge. Due to the irregular nature of the property and the necessity to provide a greenway easement for a future hike and bike trail, it is impractical to provide the 50 foot front yard setback and to locate parking and buildings 75 feet

from the tract boundary within the r.t.a. This office recommends approval of the Special Exception and Variances subject to the following conditions: (See Compatibility Analysis for further detail.) 1. The development plan should incorporate details showing the proposed sign, entry treatment and a lighting scheme and detail. An internal pathway system should be shown which complements the seating area in the open space between the buildings and provides access to Front Avenue. The sign should incorporate architectural elements such as stone or brick columns and pedestals

- that accent the entry way. 2. The type and proposed colors of building materials should be noted on the Development Plan. Preferred colors are the light tones such as cameo, cham-
- pagne, almond, or sage in the narrow width for the winyl siding. 3. The Development Plan shall be subject to approval by the Director of Planning. Before granting approval, the Director of Planning shall consult with the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

PROJECT NAME: Bautz Property

PROJECT NUMBER: DRC #98265A

COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS

Section 26-282 (2) of The Baltimore County Development Regulations requires the Director Of Planning to make compatibility recommendations to the Hearing Officer for development of a Class B Assisted Living Facility. The Office of Planning has reviewed the Site Plan, Landscape Plan and the Bautz Property architectural elevations, site sections and photographs and offers the following Compatibility

The 8 compatibility objectives of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policy (CMDP) and Section 26-282(b) of the Baltimore County Code are listed below. The application to this plan follows the objective.

- 1. The arrangement and orientation of the proposed buildings and site improvements are patterned in a similar manner to those in the neighborhood.
- The buildings are clustered behind the existing Norway Spruce trees and are front oriented to Front Avenue. The front building setback is staggered, approximating the average front setback of the dwellings on the east side of Front Avenue.
- 2. The building and parking lot layouts reinforce existing building and streetscape patterns and assure that the placement of buildings and parking lots have no adverse impact on the neighborhood.
- The improvements are patterned in a similar manner to those in the neighbor-
- The parking lot consists of a single loaded parking bay, oriented in proximity to the front of the building and intensively screened.
- 3. The proposed streets are connected with the existing neighborhood road network wherever possible and the proposed sidewalks are located to support the functional patterns of the neighborhood.
- A traditional sidewalk parallel to Front Avenue is not possible due to the existing Norway Spruce trees, which are a significant site feature which must be preserved. A Waiver of Sidewalks on Front Avenue was previously approved and is still reasonable. However, an internal path should be extended to the southeast corner of the property with a gate to Front Avenue.
- 4. The open spaces of the proposed development reinforce the open space patterms of the neighborhood in form and siting and complement existing open space systems.

The site has an internal open space system which incorporates benches. It can be further enhanced by adding a gazebo and an interior pathway system.

In accordance with the Baltimore County Master Plan 1989-2000, a 13' wide greenway easement has been shown to the rear of the property. The greenway will be established as a bike and hike trail when connected to an overall

PROJECT NAME: Bautz Property

PROJECT NUMBER: DRC #98265A

5. Locally significant features of the site such as distinctive buildings or vistas are integrated into the site design.

The existing 40' Norway Spruce trees are being preserved and enhanced by the addition of a low hedge. The major deciduous trees that provide a buffer along the central transit light rail edge are also being preserved.

- 6. The proposed landscape design complements the neighborhood's landscape patterns and reinforces its functional qualities. As previously stated, the existing Norway Spruce are a dominant site feature
- and provide an attractive edge for the site. The proposed landscaping at the entrance to the site accents the entryway. 7. The exterior signs, site lighting and accessory structures support a uniform

architectural theme and present a harmonious visual relationship with the

- surrounding neighborhood. It is preferred that the sign be designed to incorporate architectural elements such as stone or brick columns that accent the entrance way. A traditional element such as pedestals should be incorporated with the sign. Together with the proposed hedge, they will provide a motif that relates the
- 8. The scale, proportions, massing and detailing of the proposed buildings are in proportion to those existing in the neighborhood.
- The scale and massing is effectively reduced through the articulation of the building into what reads as three separate sections. The window treatments and dormers add a residential character.
- A lighting scheme and detail as well as a final sign detail should be provided for review and approval by the Office of Planning on the Development Plan. Before granting approval, the Director of Planning shall consult with the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

The type of building materials proposed should be reviewed by this Office; a note should be added to the Development Plan stating the specific materials proposed. The vinyl siding is preferred to be light in color and tone. The Dove Gray fiberglass architectural shingles for the roof are acceptable.

The Office of Planning recommends to the Hearing Officer that this Development meets the Compatibility Objectives of the CMDP and Baltimore County Development Regulations subject to the Development Plan recommendations.

Prepared by: Diana III Division Chief: Caryl Cerus

project to the historic district.

AFK:bjs

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THIS DROP-OFF PETITION IS BEING RETURNED AS TWO QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED BEFORE ANY PETITION CAN BE DROPPED-OFF. THE QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED ARE: (1) ARE THERE ANY VIOLATIONS ON THIS PROPERTY AND (2) HAS ANYONE IN THIS OFFICE REVIEWED THIS BEFORE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS POLICY, CONTACT CARL RICHARDS IN THE ZONING OFFICE AT 887-3391.

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# ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO
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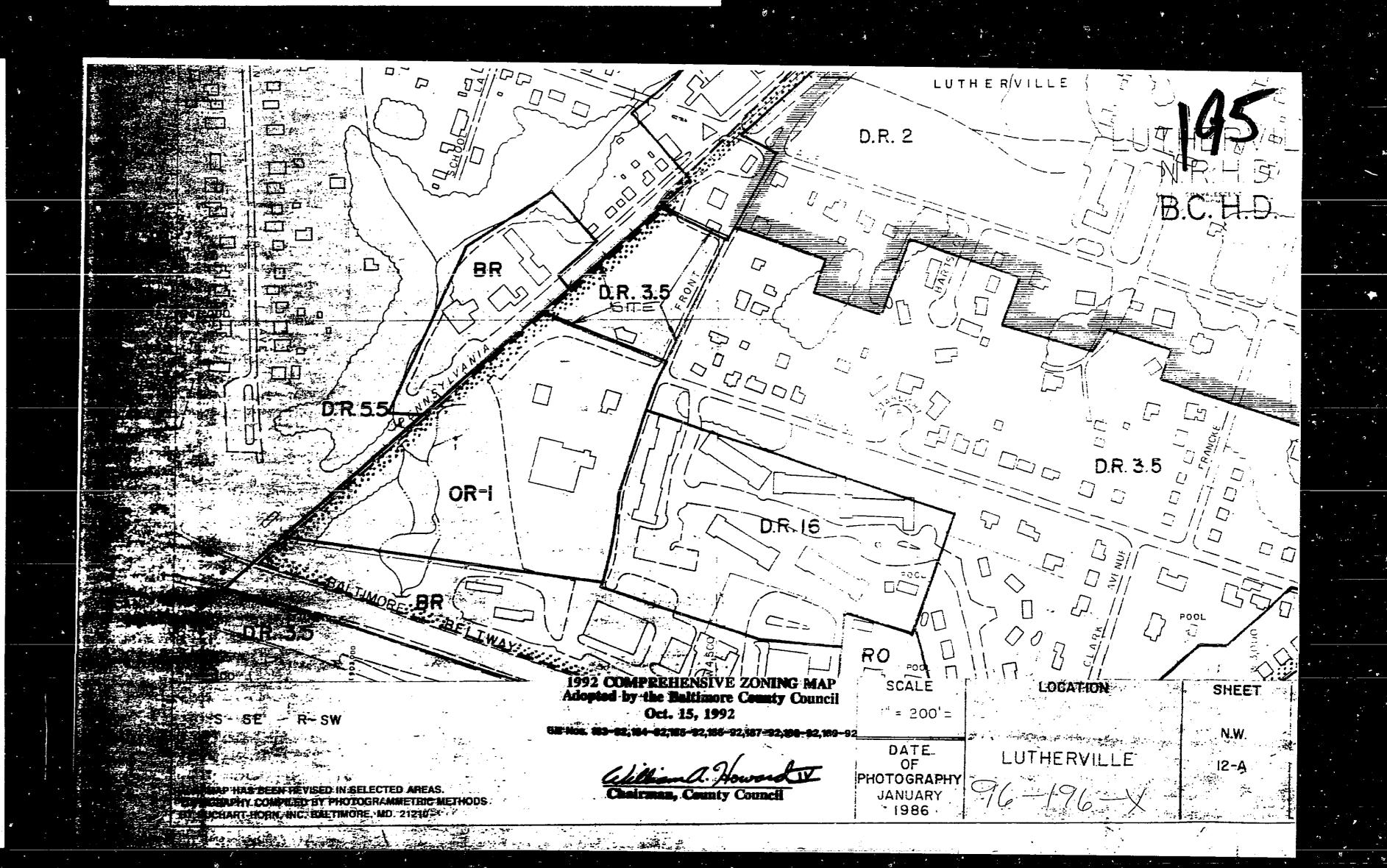
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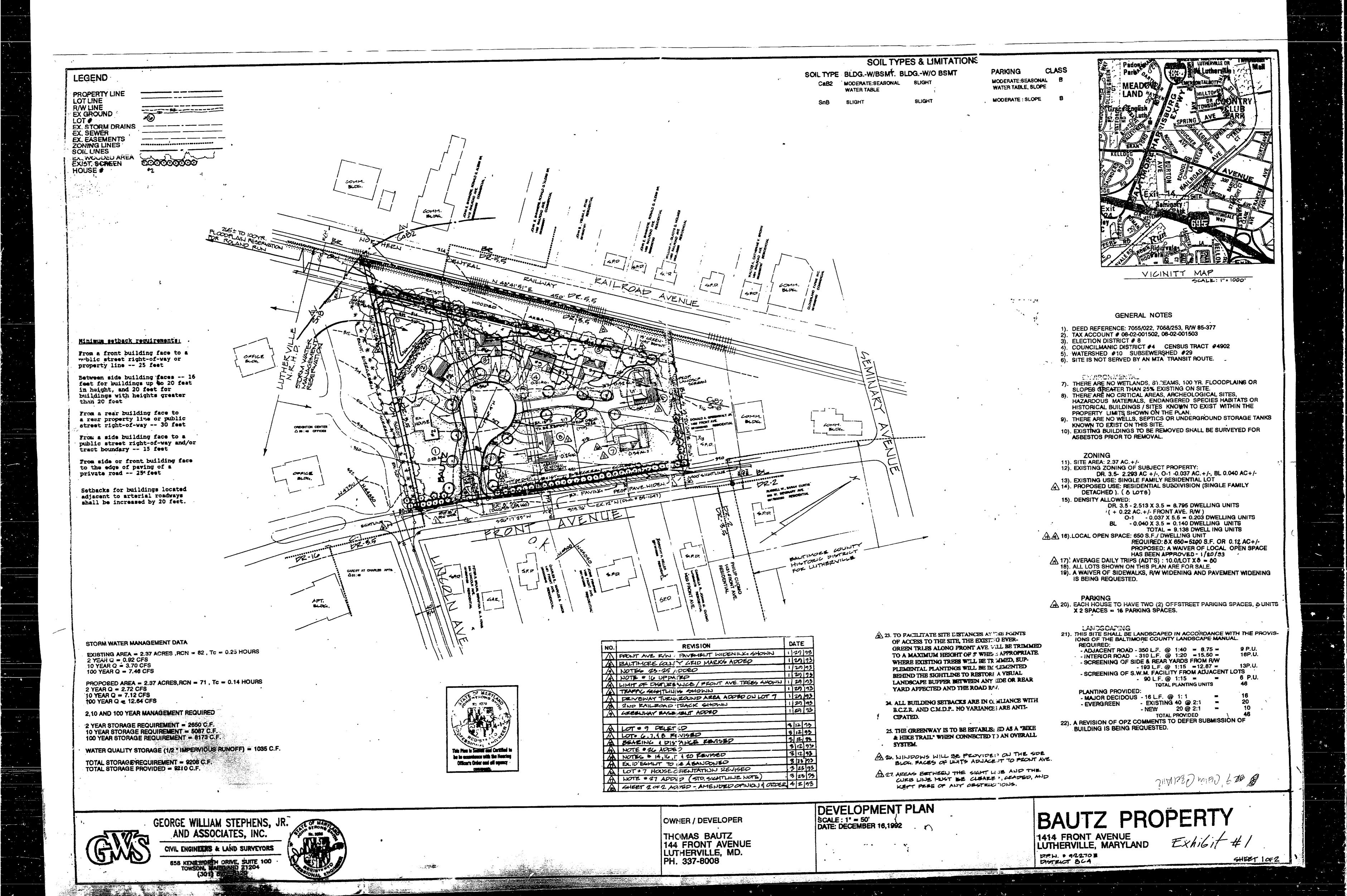
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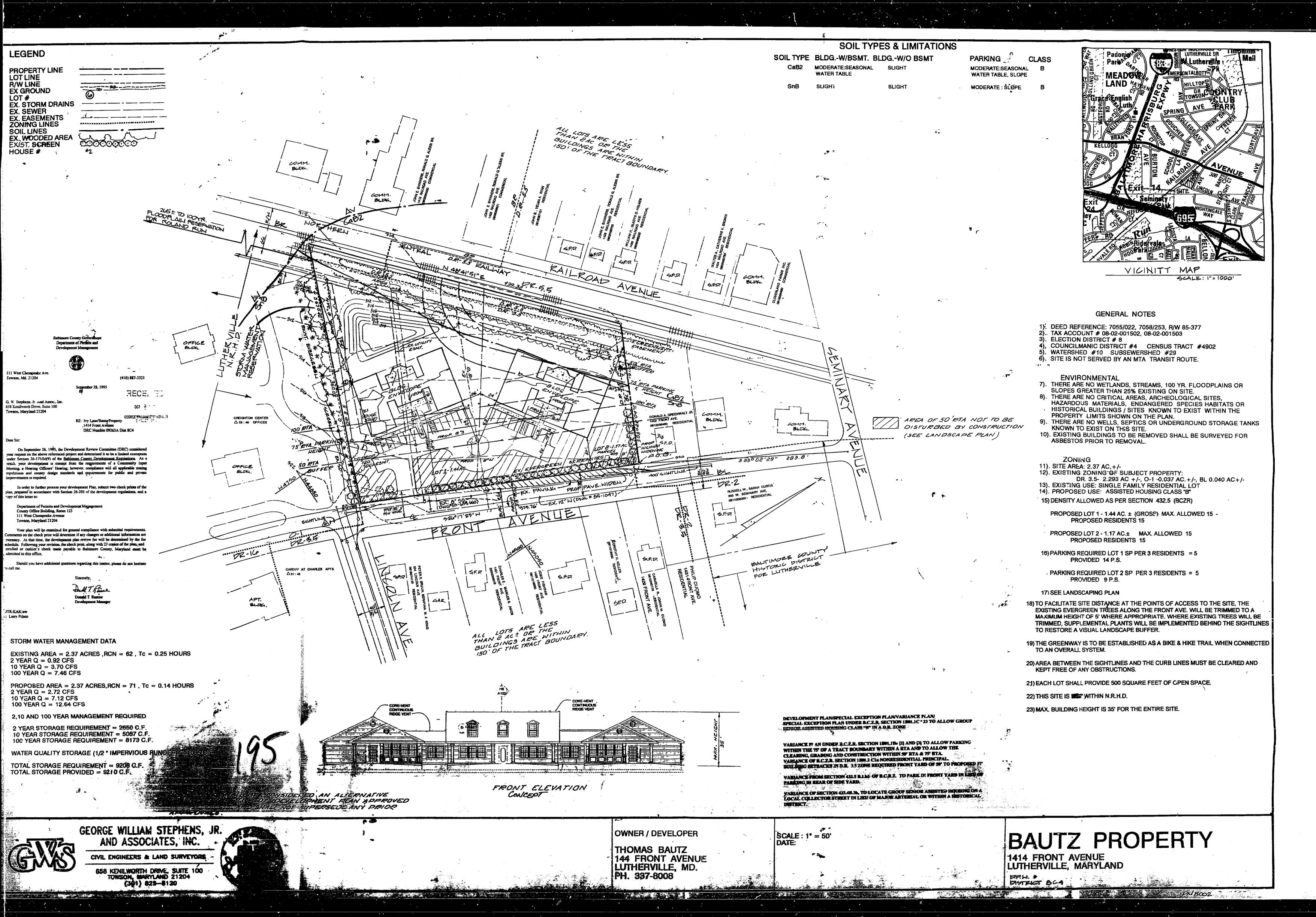
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